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 OF PREPARING AND USING SAME

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
 and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated
 July 16, 1990 in the above-identified application, which
 action was a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C.
 § 121. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to
 extend the time for response to that Office Action for one
 month up to and including September 16, 1990 and have paid the
 required fee [37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), 1.17].

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, insert before the first line, the
 sentence -- This is a division of application 496,915, filed
 on May 23, 1983. *(U.S. Patent Number 4,711,955)*
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IN THE CLAIMS

142. (Twice Amended) The method of {diagnosing}
 claim 125 wherein said sample is suspected of containing a
nucleic acid sequence which codes for expression of a polypep-
tide diagnostic for a tumor cell [which comprises a polynu-
 cleotide specific thereto which comprises disrupting said cell

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